

REMARKS

A detailed listing is presented, with appropriately defined status identifiers, for all claims that are or were in the application, irrespective of whether the claims remain under examination. The claims listed above incorporate the amendments presented in Applicants' Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed on August 29, 2008. Thus, the present Supplemental Amendment presents only amendments that are in addition to those presented in Applicants' August 29 Amendment and Reply.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 4-7, 11-14 and 16 are pending in the application, with claim 4 being the independent claim. Claims 4, 7, and 11 are sought to be amended. Claims 8 and 9 are sought to be cancelled by the present amendment without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. Claims 1-3, 10 and 15 were cancelled by previous amendment. Claim 12 is currently withdrawn from consideration.

Although claim 12 is currently withdrawn, Applicants previously amended this claim so that it presently recites subject matter falling within the scope of claim 4, which is currently under examination. Applicants respectfully request that, if the examined claims are allowed, the Examiner reconsider claim 12 and rejoin it with to the pending claims.

Applicants have amended claims 4, 7, and 11 to recite the elected subject matter, as requested by the Examiner in the telephone conference with Applicants' undersigned representative on September 16, 2008. Amended claims 4, 7, and 11 were not presented earlier because Applicants believed that these claims were allowable in their previous forms.

These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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